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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method for Risk Assessment and Risk Management (as amended)**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$450.00** to cover the two-month extension of time fee;
3. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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Respectfully submitted,

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